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PITTSBURGH MEETING.

A meeting of the Society was held at Pittsburgh from December 28, 1917, to January 1, 1918, under the auspices of the Carnegie Institute of Technology and the University of Pittsburgh. About 70 members of the Society were in attendance and the programme was carried out substantially as published.

The officers elected for 1918 are: President, Dr. Henry C. Cowles, University of Chicago; Vice-President, Dr. Robert E. Coker, Bureau of Fisheries; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Forrest Shreve, Desert Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona.

A discussion of the question of qualifications for membership resulted in a confirmation of the past policy of the Society in maintaining a liberal attitude, without specific requirements as to academic degrees acquired or research work published. The Society remains open, therefore, to all persons interested in its aims, as stated in the constitution, and may embrace persons of such diverse relations to the science as are mentioned in the introduction to the Handbook.

The possibility of starting a journal at the present time was discussed, but no action was taken. Several alternative proposals were mentioned by which the Society might aid existing journals in return for space in their pages, or by which

monographs might be published by the Society. A definite proposal of the latter character was made by Dr. B. E. Livingston in the report of the Climatological Committee (to be published in the next issue of the Bulletin). Although no formal motions were made regarding the question of a journal, it appeared to be the sense of the members present that the financial burden involved in starting a publication made that course inadvisable at the present time.

BUSINESS SESSION.

At the business session on January 1st, the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was presented and accepted by the Society, and ten new members elected.

The following motions were made and carried by the Society:

A motion to support the suggestions embodied in a motion passed in Section G of the American Association, looking to the means of making the best use of scientific men in the prosecution of the war.

A motion to appoint a committee of five to consider the correlation of soil survey work and the investigation of ecological problems with particular reference to the soil surveys that are being carried out by the states.

A motion that the section of the constitution relative to membership be printed on the enrollment blank of the Society, together with the statement regarding the character of our present membership which was published in the Handbook.

A motion appointing Dr. Robert E. Coker of the Bureau of Fisheries to look after the war interests of the Society.

A motion to extend to the authorities of the Carnegie Museum and the Carnegie Institute of Technology the thanks of the Society for the facilities placed at our disposal in Pittsburgh for the holding of our meetings. The thanks of the Society were also extended to Dr. Otto E. Jennings for his valuable assistance in preparations for our meetings.

RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution was presented and adopted expressing the sympathy of the members of the Society in the loss sustained by the Bureau of Fisheries in the burning of the laboratory at Fairport, Iowa.

A resolution was presented and adopted urging on the national government the establishment of adequate laboratories and experimental facilities for the study of our fresh water and marine fisheries, similar to the stations now maintained for the investigation and promotion of the agricultural interests of the nation.

A resolution passed at the meeting of the American Society of Zoologists in Minneapolis was presented and adopted by the Ecological Society. This resolution recommends that the winter meetings of the biological societies be held in the same city and their programs be coordinated to as great an extent as possible.

The full text of any of the above resolutions may be secured from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

PROGRAM OF THE PITTSBURGH MEETING.

Members of the Society who failed to receive copies of the program of the Pittsburgh meeting, containing abstracts of the papers read, may secure copies on application to the Secretary-Treasurer.